

Bulletin No. 14 of 1929.STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE, 1928-29.

The details of the State's direct oversea trade for the month of June having been received from the Customs Authorities the Government Statist has now completed the grand totals for the year 1928-29 and issues the following brief review.

TOTAL TRADE VALUES. The grand total value of trade for the year was £4,372,652 less than the previous year, the respective totals being £26,266,724 (£30,539,376) equal to £45.3.4 (£53.0.10) per inhabitant.

IMPORTS. totalled £11,322,436 (£12,509,197), decrease £1,186,761, the total value averaging per inhabitant £19.10.3 (£21.14.6). The substantial curtailment of oversea imports of apparel, attire, textiles, machinery, iron, steel and timber more than accounts for this heavy decrease.

EXPORTS. totalled £14,844,288 (£18,030,179), decrease £3,185,891, the total value averaging per inhabitant £25.12.5 (£31.6.4.).

BALANCE OF OVERSEA TRADE. £3,521,852 (£5,520,982).

The value of the year's exports exceeded imports by £3,521,852 (£5,520,982), being £1,999,130 less than the year 1927-28. In percentages the value of the direct oversea Exports exceeded Imports by 31.11% compared with 44.14% for 1927-8.

REVIEW OF DETAILS OF EXPORTS.

BREADSTUFFS. £4,207,110 (£5,703,910). This group showed a decrease in export value of £1,496,800, the decreased quantity of 3,517,287 bushels of wheat was responsible for the decrease, the totals of the principal items being, Wheat 12,741,860 (16,259,147) bushels, value £3,091,955 (£4,591,796), Barley 1,168,010 (1,012,178) bushels, value £211,099 (£232,108), Flour 84,016 (70,290) tons, value £855,518 (£823,605).

PASTORAL & DAIRYING. £5,153,742 (£5,877,859), decreased value £724,117. The chief items were:- Wool, 64,466,860 (65,486,927) lbs., decrease 1,020,067 lbs., value £4,231,605 (£4,894,115), decrease £662,510. Sheepskins No. 1,344,685 (1,383,549), value £626,809 (£657,876), decrease £31,067. Butter exports decreased by 16,292 lbs. the totals being 577,692 (593,984) lbs., valued at £39,963 (£43,997), and Tallow being 5,607 cwt., the totals being 31,037 (36,644) cwt., value £50,529 (£55,191).

ORCHARDS & VINEYARDS. £1,004,632 (£1,377,815). This group shows a decrease of £373,183. Much greater quantities of currants and raisins were exported, the totals respectively being 12,249,923 (2,517,805) lbs. and 15,412,969 (8,410,725) lbs. Apples, 9,748 (508,315) cases, decreased 498,567 cases. Wine, 1,423,799 (2,856,806) gallons, decreased 1,433,007 gallons, valued at £389,146 (£801,726) decrease of £412,580.

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MINING. £4,024,820 (£4,495,390).

The products of this group are mainly of Broken Hill origin and smelted at Port Pirie. The decrease of £470,570 is mainly attributed to lesser quantities of concentrates being shipped.

Silver 7,714,766 (7,415,923) ozs., value £905,897 (£875,850). Concentrates 3,701,653 (6,318,436) cwt., value £861,817 (£1,606,205). Copper 74,067 (99,291) cwt., value £94,023 (£107,628), Gypsum 101,589 (168,750) cwt., value £5,079 (£8,448), Lead 1,892,396 (1,762,572) cwt., value £2,096,235 (£1,853,936), Salt, 141,802 (138,758) cwt., value £26,503 (£23,984).

MISCELLANEOUS. £575,205 (£453,984).

The principal items in this group are Sandalwood £42,497 (£35,712), Soap, £11,499 (£28,420), Gums, Yacca £21,830 (£24,695) Gold specie £250,000 (£19,963).

SUMMARY OF EXPORTS.

GROUPS	5 years' mean 1923-24 to 1927-28	1927-28	1928-29
	£	£	£
Breadstuffs	7,389,868	5,703,910	4,207,110
Pastoral & Dairying	5,599,297	5,877,859	5,153,742
Orchards & Vineyards	934,184	1,377,815	1,004,632
Mining	3,968,308	4,495,390	4,024,820
Miscellaneous	252,200	575,205	453,984
GRAND TOTAL	18,143,857	18,030,179	14,844,288

REVIEW OF DETAILS OF IMPORTS.

APPAREL AND ATTIRE £325,367, decrease £61,791. TEXTILES £1,524,950, decrease £286,219. BAGS AND SACKS. £592,455, increase £21,527. CORN AND FLOUR SACKS. 1,060,859 dozen increased by 108,733 dozen, but BRAN AND CHAFF BAGS 41,400 dozen decreased 39,615 dozen. WOOLPACKS 15,886 decrease 5,371 dozen. FERTILIZERS (Phosphate Rock) 104,067 tons, decrease 3,975 tons. FISH IN TINS 4,742,111 lbs., decreased 2,621,032 lbs., the value of all fish being £132,433 decrease £11,012. METAL AND METAL MANUFACTURES. £3,965,458, decrease £728,956. The principal items in this group were : - MACHINES AND MACHINERY £1,350,927 decrease £171,272. IRON AND STEEL £582,753 decrease £307,909. The line Vehicles included in this group decreased £22,762, the totals being £1,266,101 (£1,288,863). Of these values MOTORS AND PARTS covered £1,067,206 (£1,039,812), increase £27,394. The MOTOR CHASSIS imported increased 122 the number being 8,039 (7,917) and MOTOR CYCLES by 388, the numbers being 1,379 (991).

OILS IN BULK. £1,017,284 decrease £19,408, covering Kerosene 5,318,668 Gallons, increase 1,085,660 Gallons, Petroleum Spirit 23,737,060 gallons, increase 834,952 gallons. Lubricating Oils 1,600,411 increase 476,420 gallons. Turpentine 28,755 gallons, decrease 28,072 gallons. RUBBER MANUFACTURES. £75,683 decrease £63,922. Of this total, pneumatic tyres, covers and tubes accounted for £28,443, a decrease of £55,223.

PAINTS AND VARNISHES. £50,780 decrease £18,703. TEA £191,624 showed a decrease in value of £12,445 but an increase in quantity of 143,964 lbs. TIMBER £324,054, decrease £365,471, - DRESSED 6,242,909 Super feet, decrease 7,267,517 Super feet. UNDRESSED 31,793,902 Super feet decrease 31,059,316 Super feet. MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS - £33,879, decrease £50,027, the numbers being Organs 7 (13), Pianos 59 (205), Piano-Players 249 (844).

GLASS AND GLASSWARE. £91,463 decrease £37,275. Sheet Glass 1,536,598 1,890,643.

MATCHES AND VESTAS. 167,155 gross boxes, decrease 126,164, value £23,624 decrease £18,761. PAPER £310,859, increase £1,952 - this line included Printing Paper 12,422 tons an increase of 2144 tons. Coal 51,083 tons £47,946 (15,064 tons, £15,376), Vessels and Boats £667,220 (£+6,987).

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE, 1928-29.

Naturally with such a substantial falling off in the quantities of goods imported the Revenue suffered. The gross receipts from Customs and Excise Duties were £3,211,842 (£3,766,955), a decrease of £555,113. Of this sum a little more than thirty five per cent was collected from the lines, Ale, Beer, Spirits, Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes, viz., £1,135,284 (£1,337,711).

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